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JIMMIE DELTON GARNER, MANAGER, ROOMING HOUSES LOCATED ONE ZERO SEVEN AND ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH ST., N.E., ATLANTA, GA. INTERVIEWED EXHAUSTIVELY LATE EVENING THREE FOURTEEN AND EARLY MORNING THREE FIFTEEN INSTANT. DURING INTERVIEW NAME OF SUSPECT GALT NOT MENTIONED TO HIM BUT VOLUNTEERED BY HIM AS INDIVIDUAL WHO HAD RECENTLY CHECKED OUT WITHOUT COMPLETING WEEK FOR WHICH HE PAID IN ADVANCE. COMPLETE REVIEW OF ROOMING HOUSE RECORDS FAILED TO LOCATE REGISTRATION FOR GALT. WHEN QUESTIONED GARNER ALLEGED THIS AN OVERSIGHT DUE TO HIS HAVING BEEN PAID BY GALT WHILE AWAY FROM LOCATION WHERE RECORDS KEPT. GARNER STATES GALT ARRIVED AT ROOMING HOUSE APPROXIMATELY SIX PM APRIL FIVE LAST DRIVING A BLACK CAR PROBABLY A FORD. NINETEEN SIXTY TWO OR SIXTY THREE MODEL. GALT FIRST CONTACTED ANOTHER TENNANT, FRED C. JONES, ROOM NO. ONE WHO DIRECTED HIM TO GARNER. AT THIS TIME GALT SAID HIS HOME WAS IN CAROLINAS BUT HAD BEEN WORKING IN ANOTHER STATE. THIS OFFERED IN APPARANT EXPLANATION OF LICENSE TAG ON CAR FROM

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DIFFERENT STATE, POSSIBLY TENNESSEE, GARNER NOT SURE. GALT CLAIMED TO BE A WELDER BUT DID NOT INDICATE JOB IN ATLANTA.

GALT DESCRIBED BY GARNER AS W/M, THIRTY TWO TO THIRTY FIVE, FIVE ELEVEN, ONE NINETY POUNDS, DARK BROWN OR BLACK HAIR WITH BRUSH CUT, BLUE EYES, MEDIUM OUTDOOR COMPLEXION, SOUTHERN ACCENT, NO DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OR CHARACTERISTICS, NO JEWELRY REMEMBERED. WAS DRESSED IN SHIRT AND SLACKS ON ARRIVAL AND WAS IN CASUAL DRESS DURING STAY. GALT ASKED FOR SINGLE QUIET ROOM. GARNER STATED NO SUCH ROOM THEN AVAILABLE AND PUT HIM TEMPORARILY IN ROOM FIVE AT ONE ZERO SEVEN FOURTEENTH ST. THIS A DOUBLE ROOM WHERE GALT REMAINED UNTIL SUNDAY APRIL SEVEN WHEN HE MOVED TO ROOM SIX AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH ST. GARNER OBSERVED GALT MOVE POSSESSIONS NOTING NO LUGGAGE WITH POSSESSIONS IN PAPER BAG OR BOX.

ON APRIL SEVEN, HAROLD G. ANDERSON, EMPLOYEE, ALBERT PICK MOTEL, FOURTEENTH AND SPRING ST., ATLANTA, BROUGHT TO ROOMING HOUSE BY JONES AND ASSIGNED ROOM NUMBER TWO AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH ST. GARNER NOTED GALT AND ANDERSON BECAME FRIENDLY BUT NOTHING TO INDICATE PRIOR ACQUAINTANCESHIP.

ON APRIL NINE AT ABOUT NINE PM GALT AND ANDERSON CAME TO GARNER'S ROOM STATING WERE CHECKING OUT. BOTH APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN DRINKING. GALT STATED HAD RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM FRIEND IN MICHIGAN THAT WELDERS BEING PAID BETTER MONEY THERE AND HE AND ANDERSON LEAVING THAT NIGHT FOR MICHIGAN. ANDERSON HOPED TO GET ON AS WELDER'S HELPER.

ANDERSON RECEIVED PARTIAL REFUND FROM TWO WEEKS ADVANCE RENT. GALT DID NOT ASK FOR REFUND, ALTHOUGH PAID THROUGH APRIL ELEVEN, BUT DID RECEIVE DEPOSIT ON KEY. GARNER RETURNED WITH GALT AND ANDERSON TO ANDERSON'S ROOM WHERE HE SECURED ROOM KEYS AND NOTED BEER BOTTLES PRESUMING THEY HAD BEEN DRINKING THERE. WHILE GARNER DID NOT OBSERVE DEPARTURE, ANDERSON AND GALT GONE FOLLOWING MORNING PRESUMABLY IN GALT'S CAR AS ANDERSON NOT KNOWN TO HAVE AUTOMOBILE. ROOMING HOUSE REGISTRATION FOR ANDERSON SHOW HAROLD G. ANDERSON, NO CITY SHOWN, WITH NEXT OF KIN AS G.F. ANDERSON, FATHER, ATLANTA GA. TEL. NO. [redacted] GARNER DESCRIBED ANDERSON AS W/M, AGE FORTY, FIVE NINE, ONE FIFTY FIVE TO ONE SIXTY LIGHT BROWN HAIR, MEDIUM TO FAIR COMPLEXION. ANDERSON CLAIMED TO BE FROM DULUTH, GA. ANDERSON ONLY TENNANT IDENTIFIED BY GARNER AS BEING FRIENDLY WITH GALT HOWEVER ALL CONTEMPORARY TENNANTS IDENTIFIED AND WILL BE INTERVIEWED. — Told ATT NOT to M

DURING INTERVIEW GARNER STATED COULD NOT RECALL GALT'S FIRST NAME BUT VOLUNTEERED HAD OBSERVED MAIL ON TABLE AT ROOMING HOUSE FOR GALT AND ACCOMPANIED AGENTS TO LOCATION OF MAIL WHERE TWO LETTERS AND PACKAGE ADDRESSED TO ERIC GALT WERE OBSERVED AS PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED BUREAU. NOTED THAT PACKAGE POSTMARKED APRIL ONE, SIXTY EIGHT. GARNER VOLUNTEERED HIS SISTER, ROBBIE LEE GARNER, VISITED HIM FRIDAY OR SATURDAY LAST AT WHICH TIME SHE THUMBED THROUGH MAIL NOTING CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO GALT. SHE THEM COMMENTED THIS WAS SAME

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NAME AS SUSPECT IN KING MURDER. GARNER STATED HE DID NOT FEEL IT WAS LIKELY HIS ROOMER WAS IDENTICAL WITH THIS SUSPECT AND THUS DID NOT FEEL COMPELLED TO ADVISE ANYONE ABOUT IT.

THROUGHOUT INTERVIEW GARNER MAINTAINED HE NEITHER SAW NOR HEARD OF GALT PRIOR TO APRIL FIVE LAST AND KNEW NOTHING TO INDICATE GALT HAD ANY CONNECTION WITH ANYONE AT ROOMING HOUSE PRIOR TO ARRIVAL. HE WAS UNABLE TO OFFER ANY EXPLANATION AS TO WHY GALT WOULD RECEIVE MAIL ADDRESSED TO HIM AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH ST BEARING APRIL ONE POSTMARK WHEN HE DID NOT MOVE IN UNTIL APRIL FIVE. GARNER STATED GALT LEFT NOTHING WITH HIM FOR STORAGE AND NOTHING LEFT IN ROOM. GARNER STATED ROOMS FOUR AND FIVE ARE RESERVED FOR STORAGE BUT CONTAIN NOTHING BUT LINEN AND POSSIBLY A FEW ITEMS OF NO VALUE LEFT BEHIND BY ROOMERS.

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[redacted] ROOM FIVE AT ONE ZERO SEVEN FOURTEENTH ST. NOT RENTED SINCE VACATED BY GALT BUT CLEANED BY MAID WEDNESDAY APRIL TEN.
ROOM SIX AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH ST. RENTED APRIL THIRTEEN TO NEW TENNANT PRIOR TO CLEAN UP BY MAID. BED MAKE UP BY NEW TENNANT AND SHEETS USED BY GALT OBTAINED DURING PROCESSING OF ROOM WITH GARNER'S CONSENT. ALL ITEMS OF POSSIBLE VALUE BEING FURNISHED BUREAU.

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